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1. SUMMARY: PRESS OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GENERAL DUONG VAN MINH ISSUED UNDER THE NAME OF NGUYEN HUU CHUNG (ONE OF MINH'S SPOKESMAN) COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 7 DATED AUGUST 5 COMMENTING ON ALLEGED OFFICIAL HARASSMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT KY'S AND HIS OWN CANDIDACIES AND NOTED THAT "WE SEE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RECONSIDER ROOF OUR CANDIDACY." END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF GENERAL MINH'S COMMUNIQUE: BEGIN TEXT "IN ORDER TO ANSWER ALL THOSE PEOPLE AND JOURNALISTS, BOTH VIETNAMESE AND FOREIGN, WHO HAVE RECENTLY COME TO ASK GENERAL MINH'S OPINION ON THE ELECTION SITUATION, GENERAL DUONG VAN MINH ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:
-- OFFICIALS HAVE DISHONESTLY IMPLEMENTED EVERY KIND OF TRICKY MANEUVER TO DEPRIVE VICE PRESIDENT KY'S SLATE OF SUFFICIENT ENDORSEMENTS SO THAT HE CANNOT BE A CANDIDATE.

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--MANY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT CHIEFS IN THE CAPITAL CITY HAVE INFORMED ME THAT THEMAYOR PERSONALLY HAS INSTRUCTED THAT THEY MUST PULL DOWN DR. HU VAN MINH AND MR. NGUYEN HUU CHUNG IN THE FORTHCOMING LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO LOWER THE PRESTIGE OF OUR PRESIDENTIAL SLATE.
--EVEN IN THE CAPITAL CITY THE AUTHORITIES HAVE WITHOUT CAUSE ARRESTED STUDENT NGUYEN XUA. LAP, LEADER OF THE BUDDHIST STUDENT GROUP, IN ORDER TO TERRORIZE THE SPIRIT OF STUDENTS AND BUDDHISTS. AUTHORITIES HAVE SLANDEROUSLY STATED THAT STUDENT LAP WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR SLATE AND THEY ARRESTED STUDENT LAP IN ORDER TO OBSTRUCT HIS LOWER HOUSE CANDIDACY.
--ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE PROVINCES, OUR ORGANIZATION'S CADRE ARE INCREASINGLY BEING FOLLOWED AND TERRORIZED BY THE AUTHORITIES.
--ALL OF THE ABOVE MANEUVERS AND PRESSURES HAVE CAUSED THE ELECTION TO BE DISHONEST FROM ITS PRELIMINARY STAGE. IN THE FACE OF THIS SERIOUS SITUATION WE SEE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RECONSIDR THE MATTER OF OUR CANDIDACY." END TEXT.
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